



*City of Rochester, New Hampshire*

CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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July 14, 2021

**TO:** Public Safety Committee

**REGARDING:** Public Safety Committee Meeting

There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on **July 21, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from June 16, 2021 Public Safety Meeting
2. Public Input
3. Crosswalk Request Linscott Court Apartments across Columbus Avenue(kept in Committee)
4. Squamanagonic Fence
5. Flat Rock Bridge Road/Salmon Falls Road Intersection Safety Concerns
6. Stop Sign Request-Janet Street
7. E911 Update
8. Emergency Management Update
9. COVID-19 Statistics Update
10. Other

cc: Mayor and City Council  
Chief Paul Toussaint  
Deputy Chief Gary Boudreau  
Chief Mark Klose  
Assistant Chief Tim Wilder  
Mr. Michael Bezanson  
Mr. Timothy Goldthwaite  
Ms. Laura Miller  
Ms. Lisa Clark

**Public Safety Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2021  
6:00 PM  
Council Chambers**

**Members Present**

Councilor Don Hamann, Chair  
Councilor Peter Lachapelle, Vice-chair  
Councilor Palana Belken

**Members Absent**

Councilor Jeremy Hutchinson (unexcused)  
Councilor Chris Rice

**Others Present**

Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer(Remote)  
Dan Camara, GIS Asset Mgmt. (Remote)  
Deputy Chief Gary Boudreau, PD

Minutes

Councilor Hamann brought the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. **Roll Call attendance was taken.**

<b>Councilor Lachapelle</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Councilor Belken</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Councilor Hamann</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Councilor Hutchinson</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilor Rice</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**1. Approve Minutes from May 19, 2021 Public Safety Meeting**

**Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Belken. *Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

**2. Public Input**

There were no members of the public present.

**3. Crosswalk Request Linscott Court Apartments across Columbus Avenue (kept in Committee)**

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Mr. Bezanson was having technical difficulties with joining the meeting, this was **Kept in Committee** until next month, so Mr. Bezanson can give the Committee an update.

**4. Norman Street “Dead End”**

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. A resident of Norman Street is requesting a “Dead End” sign on Norman Street in hopes that will stop trucks from going down the street and turning around at the end which is digging up the road. Councilor Lachapelle stated it may make more sense to have a “No Outlet” sign on Ramsey Drive. Mr. Camara stated that Mr. Bezanson and he were

talking earlier and Mr. Bezanson's recommendation was to place a "No Outlet" sign at the beginning Ramsey Drive. ***Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to place a "No Outlet" sign on Ramsey Drive at the discretion of DPW. The motion was seconded by Councilor Belken. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

**5. E911 Update**

Deputy Chief Boudreau said that the Tebbetts Road renumbering was tabled at the last City Council meeting. The E911 committee met this month and they met with the state 911 committee regarding their process and state regulations on renumbering a street. They are going to address the City Council with the process and state regulations on renumbering a street. Deputy Chief Boudreau said they hope to have this on the next workshop agenda and they are currently working on an agenda bill for it. Councilor Belken asked about what the further discussion was for, was it to adopt the process or what happens at the state regarding renumbering. Deputy Chief Boudreau said it was to talk about the state standards the reasoning behind it and how it was set up.

**6. Emergency Management Update**

There was no one present to give an emergency management update.

**7. COVID-19 Statistics Update**

There was no update on the COVID-19 statistics.

**8. OTHER**

**Sampson Road Speeding Complaint**

Deputy Chief Boudreau had a follow-up to the Sampson Road speed complaint. The speed trailer was put on Sampson Road for 7 days. There was a total of 1,445 vehicles in the seven days with an average of 200 a day. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 37.6 mph and the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile was 31.3 mph. They were some high speeds had various times and the highest was 98 mph. Councilor Lachapelle said a resident on the street had reached out to him, so he went out to check the area and he was going 35 mph and a car passed him on a double yellow. Deputy Chief Boudreau said they have the New Hampshire Highway Safety grant related to speed issues, Deputy Chief Boudreau gave the person managing this grant Sampson Road to add to the list.

**Speed Trailer Request Form on Website**

Deputy Chief Boudreau said that Councilor Rice had asked if the speed trailer request link could be added to the city webpage. He has been working with Matt Wyatt to get this up and running. It is now up and functional under the Resources tab on the PD webpage. Anyone can click on "Speed Trailer", and there is a fillable form to submit on line that sends an email directly to Deputy Chief Boudreau.

### **Charles Street**

Councilor Hamann was called out to the area on Charles Street near the grange with Councilor Lauterborn to review a parking issue. When the area is under construction, the request was made to remove the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk to allow more space on Charles Street for vehicle parking. Councilor Hamann said he would bring this up at the Public Works & Buildings Committee meeting tomorrow night as well.

### **Street Light Request on Pickering Road at the Entrance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Mr. Camara relayed a request that came from Mr. Bezanson who was having difficulties on the Teams meeting. The Chief Operator of the Wastewater Treatment Facility would like a streetlight placed at the entrance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Pickering Road. At night, when the on-call has to respond it gets rather dark in this area. Councilor Lachapelle asked how far down the road was there another streetlight and asked if there were any utility poles in the area. Mr. Camara said there is a utility pole across the street from the Wastewater Treatment Facility entrance. ***Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to install a streetlight at the entrance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The motion was seconded by Councilor Belken. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

Councilor Hamann adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Laura J. McDormand, Admin Assistant II

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Subject: Stop Sign Request

Hello,

We are writing to request a stop sign or some other type of speed control tool on Janet Street and where Janet Street connects to Melanie Street. This is a residential neighborhood located next to McClelland and the Middle School.

Vehicles will enter Janet Street from Brock Street and drive, which seems, excessively fast either to the end of Janet Street or make the left hand turn on to Melanie Street.

The same is true for Elizabeth Street as it turns to Melanie Street. Vehicles will not stop before making either a right or left hand turn from Melanie Street on to Janet Street.

We live in the first house after the Janet Street/Melanie Street connection. Our concern is for the safety of the many children in the neighborhood, especially our grandson, that are outside riding bikes, playing ball and just being children.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Andrew and MaryAnn Digilio

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Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. Deputy Chief Boudreau said currently there are crosswalks north of Linscott Apartments at the Columbus Avenue/Wakefield Street intersection. There are also crosswalks at the Columbus Avenue/Summer Street intersection, but the sidewalk on the Linscott Apartments side of the road does not formally extend to this intersection. There is no crosswalk to cross Columbus Avenue at Linscott Court; however, there is a paved ramp to the roadway that looks like it might have been meant for a crosswalk (there is a small asphalt bump in the area). The residents use services offered across the street, and there is no crosswalk right there, so they are crossing illegally. Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to place a crosswalk at the location in question. Councilor Hamann asked to hold off on the motion so Mr. Bezanson could add to the discussion. Mr. Bezanson said there is a project that will start soon at the intersection of Columbus and Summer Street; they will be looking at sidewalk connections in the area. They will include a review of the potential for a crosswalk at this location. Councilor Lachapelle asked Mr. Bezanson if they needed a curb cut in the area. Mr. Bezanson said yes that it had to be ADA compliant; it is not as simple as painting a crosswalk. Councilor Lachapelle retracted his current motion. Councilor Rice asked the timeline of the project. Mr. Bezanson said there is some funding now and that they are hoping to define the full scope of work with an engineering consultant as early as next month. This was kept in committee and Mr. Bezanson will bring back information next month regarding the progress of the scope of work and design.

**4. Janet Street and Elizabeth Street-Speed Limit Signs, Reduced Speed or Children at Play signs**

Councilor Hamann summarized the issue. He stated that Janet Street is in a neighborhood and probably shouldn't have a "speed limit" sign installed. He states that "Children At Play" signs are not recognized standard signs. There are portable signs that the City has allowed residents to place along the side of the roadway in the past at their own expense. Mr. Bezanson reiterated that the Councilor is correct; "Children At Play" signs are not recognized sign by the MUTCD. Councilor Lachapelle said that if they put one here that every dead end and no outlet would want one throughout the City. Councilor Hamann said he would reach out to the person that requested this and tell them that they could buy a sign on their own for their property. Councilor Rice offered to reach out to them and Councilor Hamann accepted the offer.

**5. North Main Street Removal of One Parking Spot at Crosswalk by Bridge**

Councilor Hamman summarized the issue. Councilor Rice said he might have misunderstood which parking spot was proposed for removal. After checking the area, he realized that if a box truck were parked in the parking space just after the crosswalk heading toward downtown, motorists driving out of downtown cannot see people entering the crosswalk from the left or south side. Councilor Lachapelle agreed that this is the parking space being proposed for removal and reiterated that you cannot see anyone entering the crosswalk when a large vehicle is parked there. **Councilor Lachapelle made a motion to remove the one parking spot**